



FEMALE JUSTICE

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This press photo, dated October 10, 1929, shows the jury in 17-year old Eunice Pringle's sexual assault trial against theater tycoon Alexander Pantages.

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How important is a woman's reputation in the judicial system? Decide for yourself as you explore four historic court cases that received wide attention in the media. *Due to the frank discussion of adult themes, this program is not appropriate for children under 14.*

ADMISSION IS FREE. Seating is limited and reservations are recommended. Call or visit our website for more information.

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The Murder Trial of Lastenia Abarta, 1881

Sunday, January 27, 2019 • 2 to 4 p.m. • Reservations begin December 21.

Lastenia Abarta was barely out of her teens when she fell in love with Francisco "Chico" Forster, a prominent playboy who promised marriage. When he betrayed his pledge, Abarta shot and killed Forster on a busy street in broad daylight. Would a defense built on temporary insanity due to PMS keep a jury from finding Abarta guilty?

The Seduction Case of Lillian Ashley, 1896

Sunday, May 5, 2019 • 2 to 4 p.m. • Reservations begin March 22.

In 1894, Lillian Ashley filed a civil suit against the oft-married, and more often sued, Elias "Lucky" Baldwin for seduction. Love letters were exposed, an assassination attempt was made, and the family woes were turned into a travelling stage show. Was it all part of a plan to extort money from Baldwin? Or did Ashley have nowhere else to turn?

The Mysterious Death of J. Belton Kennedy, 1921

Sunday, August 11, 2019 • 2 to 4 p.m. • Reservations begin June 28.

It was said that Madalynne Obenchain could twist any man around her finger...all except for J. Belton Kennedy. After several years of Kennedy failing to follow through with wedding plans, he was suddenly murdered. Obenchain and a former boyfriend were arrested and after five separate trials, both were set free. Did they get away with murder?

The Sexual Assault Trial of Alexander Pantages, 1929

Sunday, October 20, 2019 • 2 to 4 p.m. • Reservations begin September 6.

Alexander Pantages was a 54-year old theater chain mogul with a colorful past and Eunice Pringle was a 17-year old aspiring dancer from Garden Grove. An encounter in a small closet led to a lurid sexual assault trial that pitted the pretty Pringle against the powerful and unsympathetic Pantages.